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In re Application of Kevin H. Gillespie

: DECISION ON PETITION

Application No. 09/458,415

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This a decision on the petition filed on March 1, 2002 requesting withdrawal of the examiner's holding of abandonment. No fee is required for the petition.

The petition is <u>dismissed</u> as moot.

A timely reply to the Office letter dated June 6, 2001 was actually filed on January 25, 2002, but was not associated with the application file until after the Notice of Abandonment had been mailed. On February 14, 2002, a letter was mailed to applicant notifying applicant that the holding of abandonment had been rescinded in view of the January 25, 2002 reply.

As the holding of abandonment had previously been rescinded, the instant petition is moot. The application is currently before the examiner for consideration of the January 25, 2002 reply.

PETITION DISMISSED.

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